



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
OFFICE OF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
115 East Railroad Avenue, Suite 301
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Dear Friend of Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary:

We are in the process of filling the Marine Industry and Citizen-at-Large seats on the OCNMS Advisory Council. Beginning immediately, we will accept applications for council membership.

The OCNMS National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council was established in 1998 pursuant to Federal law to ensure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary. Serving in a volunteer capacity, the Advisory Council's 15 voting members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public. In addition, five Federal government agencies and one federally funded program serve as non-voting, ex officio members. Since its establishment, the Advisory Council has played a vital role in advising OCNMS and NOAA on critical issues. In addition to providing advice on management issues facing the Sanctuary, council members serve as a communication bridge between constituents and OCNMS staff.

Enclosed is our advisory council application kit, which includes a copy of the council charter and an application form, as well as a one-pager about the sanctuary. Council terms run for three years.

Please note that if you have been a federally registered lobbyist in the two-year period before your potential appointment date to the council, you will not be eligible to serve as a member of a sanctuary advisory council. Please contact Carol Bernthal at 360.457.6622 x11 or carol.bernthal@noaa.gov if you have any questions about this restriction.

We are looking forward to receiving completed applications at our office at 115 East Railroad Ave., Suite 301, Port Angeles, WA 98362 by **Friday, November 19, 2010**. Applications can also be e-mailed to Norma Klein at norma.klein@noaa.gov. Applications will be reviewed by a panel consisting of three to four current Advisory Council members. The panel will help us narrow down the number of candidates for each seat to the top three. Of these, a member and an alternate will be chosen, and officially notified of their selection.

Thanks for your interest in serving as an OCNMS Advisory Council member.

Sincerely,

Carol Bernthal, OCNMS Superintendent



Enclosures

